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## Mandatory motorcycle brief today at 1:30 p.m.

New regulations impact all riders on MCB Hawaii

**Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson**  
*Combat Correspondent*

A Motorcycle Safety Club meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. today at the base theater, and every person with a motorcycle registered on base is required to attend.

The meeting will highlight new regulations regarding required safety gear, registration procedures, and annual motorcycle safety refresher training.

To better ensure all riders have the necessary motorcycle rider training, the Base Safety Center and the Military Police Department have updated the motorcycle registration procedures.

All motorcycles registered on base will receive Dept. of Defense stickers and the accompanying decals will expire after one year. To renew the registration, riders will need to show proof of insurance, registration, appropriate license, safety inspection and refresher course attendance.

Motorcycles currently registered, with decals expiring after December 2003, will be reregistered at the meeting today. The Base Safety Center will issue a refresher course training notice to riders with decals expiring after December 2003.

Beginning today, the Military Police Department will conduct checks at the gates and around MCB Hawaii to ensure motorcycles comply with the one-year decal registration, and that riders have all of the required documentation to ride on base.



Sgt. Jason Elson

Fourth Force Recon Marines were able to freefall from an altitude of 10,000 ft. They try to perform this type of insert operation at least one time a month.

## 4th Force paints Schofield skies

**Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero**  
*Combat Correspondent*

**SCHOFIELD BARRACKS** — Nine Marines from 4th Force Reconnaissance Co., aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, strapped on their chutes and color coated the Hawaiian skies while accomplishing airborne operations at Drop Zone Lightning aboard Schofield

Barracks, Nov. 27.

Parachuting is just one of the myriad of ways these information-gathering warriors insert for recon operations.

"Jumps are one of the missions we're required to perform, and anytime we can get training like this will always improve the company's readiness," said Gunnery Sgt. Gerald Rohn, operations chief, 4th Force Recon.

During the evolution, the Marines accomplished three jumps to fine-tune this necessary skill.

The first and last jump practiced was a low-level static line at 1,500 ft. above ground level, which offers them several options while inserting into an operation.

*See 4th RECON, A-8*

## MCBH honors Kaneohe Klippers

**Cpl. Jason E. Miller**  
*Combat Correspondent*

Base residents and distinguished guests gathered around the Kaneohe Klipper Monument and the base flag



Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Brigadier Gen. Jerry C. McAbee, commanding general of MCB Hawaii, and Rear Adm. Anthony L. Winns, commander of Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, place a wreath at the foot of the Kaneohe Klipper Monument.

The Marine Forces Pacific Band, accompanied by bagpipes from 1st Lt. Justin B. Stodghill of Marine Aircraft Group 24, set the tone of remembrance for the ceremony with tunes like "Amazing Grace" and "High-land Cathedral."

Several key figures, including Rear Adm. Anthony L. Winns, commander of Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Brig. Gen. Jerry C. McAbee, commanding general of MCB Hawaii; the Chosin Few Aloha Chapter and Kaneohe Klippers Association attended the event.

Rear Adm. Winns offered words of encouragement toward the future while remembering the infamous date in 1941. At the end of his speech, he quoted John F. Kennedy.

"At the end of one's life, there is nothing finer a person can say than that they served in the U.S. Navy," Winns quoted.

Following the flag raising, the Kaneohe Klippers were again honored with a 21-gun salute.

## Several new quality of life enhancements come to MCBH

**Public Affairs Office**  
*Press Release*

Rarely does a month pass aboard MCB Hawaii when a groundbreaking, dedication or ribbon cutting ceremony does not take place. The projects that we are seeing include enhancements not only for the military personnel, but for all of base residents, fami-

lies and visitors alike. This week's "Lifestyles" section is dedicated to the quality of life/ser-vice improvements that have already been made here at MCB Hawaii and a glimpse at the ones coming in the near future.

See B-1 "Lifestyles" for an exclusive look of what is planned and currently being built aboard MCB Hawaii.



**Readers, get Hawaii Marine, Dec. 20. Enjoy Military Sun Press Dec. 27 and Jan. 3.**



# MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

## SATELLITE POST OFFICE UP AND RUNNING

To help ease holiday lines, the Base Post Office has opened a satellite facility in the old Photo Shop located in the Mokapu Mall, Kaneohe Bay. Patrons may mail letters or items at the satellite location through Dec. 23 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, and from noon to 8 p.m., Saturdays. The satellite location will be closed on Sundays. Cash only transactions will be accepted for parcels, stamps and express mail.

## HQMC POSTS SURVEY

The Commandant of the Marine Corps requests your input. Headquarters Marine Corps desires to identify the best way to disseminate general news and information to the Corps. Therefore, an Internet survey has been developed for active duty, reserve and civilian employees of the Corps, to solicit input regarding the types of worldwide and military information that is relevant to them.

Results from this survey will be used to develop processes for desired news mediums to be more easily accessible to its readers. The survey is completely confidential and will be submitted directly to independent consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc. The two-week Internet survey will only be accessible via the "Internet Explorer" browser through Dec. 20 at <http://aan.xservices.com/usmcpa/intro.htm>.

Direct questions to Capt. Steve Butler, HQMC Public Affairs, (703) 614-1494, email [butlersa@hqmc.usmc.mil](mailto:butlersa@hqmc.usmc.mil).

## SCHOLARSHIP CHANGED

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society regrets to announce that the Vice Admiral E. P. Travers Scholarship and Loan Program will not be available to dependent children of retirees or spouses of active duty personnel during the 2003-2004 academic year.

The change has come as a result of significant losses experienced in the financial markets. Those in need of financial assistance should refer to the American Legion Publication, "Need a Lift" and at [www.students.gov](http://www.students.gov). For more details, call the NM-CRS Kaneohe Bay office at 254-1327.

# Hawaii MARINE

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# CG's MAIL BOX

*"My wife entered [Cash Sales] and tried to purchase a reflective belt ... she was not allowed to buy one."*

Submitted by Gunnery Sgt. Barry McCool, deputy director, Staff NCO Academy



BRIG. GEN. MCABEE

I am writing this in concern of what happened at Cash Sales yesterday.

My wife entered the facility and tried to purchase a reflective belt to use for walking. She was told since it was an "issue" item that she was not allowed to buy one.

She asked if any of the reflective devices sold there could be purchased, and she again was told, "No."

Sir, my understanding of Base Order P5500.15A, change 1 (at 7009 1.g) is that it directs all persons on MCB Hawaii to wear reflective type clothing/gear when running during hours of darkness.

I recommend that light-colored clothing also be worn.

These same devices are sold at the MCX, so I do not understand what the problem is.

Thank you for your time and attention, Sir.

Gunnery Sgt. Barry McCool  
Deputy Director  
Staff NCO Academy, Hawaii

Gunnery Sgt. McCool,

I have been asked by the commanding general to research and respond to your email of Nov. 27 since your recommendation falls under my staff responsibilities. The commanding general appreciates that you have taken the time to participate in the "CG Mail" program.



Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson

Reflective gear is required when running or walking outside at night. Reflective belts and vests are available at the Marine Corps Exchange and Military Clothing Sales outlet for all Armed Forces I.D. card holders.

First, let me personally thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. We made a terrible mistake in not authorizing your family member's purchase of the reflective belt.

Our Military Clothing Sales Store policy allows anyone with a military identification card to purchase any item available at the Military Clothing Sales Store, except 782 gear.

Marine Corps policy restricts 782 gear purchases to active duty per-

sonnel.

We have retrained our staff on the correct Military Clothing Sales policy.

Please accept my sincere apology for the inconvenience you incurred as a result of our actions.

Again, thank you for the comment and your continued support of the Military Clothing Sales Store.

Mr. William B. Lindsey  
Assistant Chief of Staff  
Marine Corps Community Services

*(Editor's Note: Letters of any length may be trimmed and edited in the interest of good taste and brevity.)*

The commanding general invites input from the base community via C.G. Mail on the following topics: What are we doing that we shouldn't be doing? What are we not doing that we should be doing? What are we doing that we should be doing better?

Responses should include a recommendation that will help solve the problem and must include your name and return address so that staff may respond.

For more information about how to send C.G. Mail, see the MCB Hawaii C.G. Mail page at [www.mcbh.usmc.mil/command/cg-mail.htm](http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/command/cg-mail.htm).



ERB

## Red Lions get new commander



Lieutenant Col. Mark W. Erb (left) took the reigns of the Red Lions of Heavy Marine Helicopter Squadron 463 in a change of command ceremony Tuesday between Hangar 101 and 102. Erb, who formerly served at Marine Aircraft Group 24's headquarters, replaces Lt. Col. Edward Yarnell, who will report to MAG-24 headquarters for duty.



YARNELL

# Troops to get massive distribution of free books, courtesy of publishers

## Department of Defense Press Release

The Pentagon received distribution of its fourth titles in the "Armed Services Edition" series Wednesday. Additionally, distribution continued with a waterfront give away Thursday at Norfolk Naval Station aboard the USS Nicholas.

Hyperion, Simon & Schuster, and Dover Publications are participat-

ing in a revival of the same "Armed Services Edition" initiative that distributed more than 123 million paperback books to U.S. troops stationed overseas in World War II. The books are reformatted in the same "cargo pocket" size and vintage appearance as the original ASEs from World War II.

More than 100,000 copies of the following titles will be sent to deployed U.S. forces this month:

- "Medal of Honor: Profiles of America's Military Heroes from the Civil War to the Present" by Allen Mikaelian, with commentary by Mike Wallace.
- "Henry V" by William Shakespeare.
- "The Art of War" by Sun Tzu.
- "War Letters: Extraordinary Correspondence from American Wars" Edited by Andrew Carroll.
- "Getting quality reading material to our troops on

the front lines is a great initiative, and one that all the armed services are eager to support," said the Pentagon's Chief of Naval Information, Rear Adm. Stephen R. Pietropaoli. "The Armed Services Editions were a big hit with the greatest generation, and it is heartening to see the publishing industry looking for ways to support the men and women in uniform who are defending America today."





Before firing the combat marksmanship course, Marines from Kilo Co., 3rd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment try and work as a team while attempting 10 squad push-ups.

# Kilo Co. goes head to head

## 3/3 squads compete for Number One

Story and Photos by  
**Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Lora**  
*Press Chief*

An unusually cold morning greeted seven squads from Kilo Co., 3rd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, who came together around 6 a.m. to participate in a squad-a-thon at the Pop Warner Field aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Dec. 5.

Kilo Co. is the first company within 3rd Marines to hold a company competition that will ultimately set itself up for a chance at the super squad challenge.

The Division's super squad will travel to Washington to receive awards from the commandant of the Marine Corps in August.

Kilo Co. conducted a two-day competition that tested the mental and physical stamina of each squad by setting up different stations around the base.

"I really like this training, it forces Marines to think about what's going on around them," said Sgt. Trevor A. Nettleton, squad leader, Kilo Co., 3/3. "I think we are going to win because we have a lot of heart. Once we start going, we will be on auto pilot."

The squads were graded on the time and performance of certain tasks.

A physical fitness test, obstacle course and combat marksmanship course were just a few stations that tested the mental well being of the squad, as well as how well they worked together as a team.

Some other examples of a few stations aboard the base were fire plan sketches, terrain models, call for fire, nuclear biological chemical and first aid.

"With all these stations aboard the



"Smooth is fast and fast is smooth" as Cpl. Robert Pyle (left) and Lance Cpl. Ethan Caduff, both from Kilo Co., 3/3's Motor Assault section, race against the clock to quickly disassemble and reassemble the 9mm, preventing any loss of points to their squad.



Marines from Kilo Co., 3rd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, machinegun squad race from one end of the court to the start line, demonstrating five different kinds of litter carries.

base, it sort of seems like a scavenger hunt, said Lance Cpl. Ryan Coon, an automatic rifleman in Kilo Co., 3/3.

More than six hours went by before a squad returned to the company office to conduct its last task.

A gear list was provided to each member of the squad days prior to the competition.

First Lt. Jeff Walsh, executive officer, Kilo Co., 3/3, conducted the

gear inspection and deducted points from the squad that had missing items.

"This training was pretty great, said Lance Cpl. Dennis Everett, an automatic rifleman, Kilo Co., 3/3. "We were motivated and excelled in all the events," said Everett."

The day's competition ended with section leaders tallying up the scores, while the seven squads waited patiently for the results. Every member of the squad walked around with heads held high, feeling the pride of a completed squad-a-thon competition.

"By god, Kilo Company will take the super squad competition here aboard MCB Hawaii, and ultimately take the win in Okinawa, Japan," said Capt. Mark H. Iclingan, commanding officer, Kilo Co., 3/3.

"I want my guys to wear that Rifle Squad Competition Badge."

(Editors Note: See next week's *Hawaii Marine* for the winning results of the squad-a-thon.)

# EFMs get priority for base housing

**Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson**  
*Combat Correspondent*

Marine Corps Base Hawaii is working to ensure that families with members covered by the Exceptional Family Member Program receive the appropriate assignment priority when applying for on-base family housing.

Procedures are in place, and Marine Corps housing regulations provide for families with Category 4 EFMs to be placed near the top of the appropriate waiting list, even before they arrive at their duty station.

If the family requires special accommodations such as air conditioning, wheelchair access, priority

maintenance, or a single level home, Marine Corps policy allows families to submit a "Medical Exception to Policy."

Each request is approved on an individual basis after being certified by the Exceptional Family Member Program coordinator, the family's doctor, the senior medical officer at Branch Medical Clinic, and the Family Housing Office.

Even with the requirement that requests be approved by appropriate agencies, Category 4 EFM families still receive priority assignment over other families awaiting assignment to on-base housing.

The MCB Hawaii senior medical officer makes the final determination

of any specific required accommodations above and beyond what is authorized by Headquarters, Marine Corps, and the government is also authorized to make any modifications to quarters that the family may require.

The EFMP coordinator for MCB Hawaii is Ed Josiah, and he can be reached at 257-8876. Questions related to this family housing program should be addressed to Glenn Lambert at 257-2524.

Qualified EFM families may contact the Family Housing Department upon notification of assignment to MCB Hawaii, to get the necessary medical paperwork finished prior to arrival.

## WORD ON THE STREET

### "What 's the most important improvement on base?"



"The new barracks are great; we really needed them."

**Petty Officer 3rd Class William Bundick**

Maintenance controller VP-4

"...The organized sports activities available to service members."

**Cpl. Jamal Peterson**

Food service specialist Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii



"I think the new barracks are great for these young troops."

**Tim Roberts**

Teacher Waimanalo Intermediate School



"The new E-Club is an awesome place to hang out."

**Lance Cpl. Austin Stukins**

Administrative clerk Headquarters Co., 3rd Marine Regiment



"...The sports programs. There is a great variety of them now."

**Chief Petty Officer Mukunda Tyson**

Maintenance Control VP-4





===== EVERY CLIME AND PLACE =====

26th MEU (SOC) enhances air defense capabilities

**26th MEU (SOC)**  
*Public Affairs Office*

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — The Low Altitude Air Defense section of the Marine Air Control Group detachment of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) participated in its annual Stinger missile shoot, Dec. 3 at Onslow Beach.

The purpose of this training was to complete three of the five gun teams’ annual firing, explained 1st Lt. Brad Chatlos, the LAAD section officer in charge.

The other two gun teams already completed their training for the year.

“Our mission is to provide close-in surface-to-air weapons fire for the defense of forward combat areas, vital areas and installations against low altitude air attacks [from enemy aircraft],” added Chatlos.

The detachment brought three Avenger weapon systems, one man-portable Stinger missile launcher and one command and control vehicle.

The Avenger weapons system is an eight-missile launch pad mounted on the back of a HUMVEE.

While training at Onslow Beach, the focus was on firing the Stinger missiles from the Avengers and the shoulder-fired launcher. The teams



Photos by Lance Cpl. Nathan E. Eason

**Above — A small team prepares one of the remote controlled planes for take off. This small yellow plane is to fly out and eventually be targeted for a Stinger missile.**

**Below — A Stinger missile launches from one the of the Avenger weapon systems.**

also practiced how to fire missiles from the Avengers using a remote control.

Remote control airplanes were used as targets for this evolution. The gun teams concentrated on teamwork in order to track the aircraft and effectively launch missiles to destroy them.

Stinger missiles are able to track and engage aircraft, up to an altitude of 10,000 feet, and cover a distance of eight kilometers.

Each two-man Stinger team consists of an assistant gunner who tracks the target aircraft and a gun-

ner who sights in on the target and fires the missile.

Once the 26th MEU (SOC) deploys, the LAAD section will take on one more task. It will be integrated along with other assets to provide emergency defense for the USS Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group.

After refining their precision shooting and teamwork, the detachment is now ready to answer the 26th MEU (SOC) commanding officer’s call for air defense, if needed, during their upcoming deployment.



Lance Cpl. Nathan E. Eason

**It took nearly an entire day for the three gun teams to complete their annual Stinger shoot. Now completed, they are ready to answer the call of the MEU commanding officer and whatever missions he may task them with.**

Enrollment deadline nears for long-term care insurance

**Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample**  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — For military and civilian personnel who don’t have an extra \$20,000 to spend on long-term health care and who can’t count on their families to take care of them, now may be the time to sign up for the Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program.

December 31 is the program open season enrollment deadline.

Premiums are determined by coverage options and age, but they remain level after coverage starts.

Open season offers the advantages of fewer health-related questions and premiums based

on the applicant’s coverage and age as of July 1, 2002.

After open season, the health questionnaire is longer and premiums are based on applicants’ coverage and their ages when they buy it.

The Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program is administered by John Hancock and MetLife, two of the nation’s leading insurers. It’s the only long-term care insurance program authorized by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

According to an April 2002 MetLife Market Survey of Nursing Home and Home Care Costs, the national average annual cost of home health care is well more than \$20,000.

That cost is expected to climb to \$68,000 by 2030.

The national average annual nursing home cost is \$52,000 for a semiprivate room and is expected to climb to \$190,600 by 2030.

Studies show that about 60 percent of those who reach age 65 will need long-term care at some time in their lives. However, many people don’t realize that the need for long-term care can strike at any time.

According to OPM statistics, 40 percent of people receiving long-term care services are working-age adults, between the ages of 18 and 64.

The FTLTC insurance program benefits those who can no longer perform daily living ac-

tivities such as eating, bathing or getting dressed. It also covers persons affected by severe “cognitive impairments” such as dementia and Alzheimer’s disease.

In addition, the program provides money to pay for care in various settings, including at-home, assisted living facilities; adult day care centers; and hospice facilities. More than 80 percent of all people receiving long-term care assistance are not in nursing homes.

Office of Personnel Management Director Kay Coles James, speaking on behalf of the FLTC program on the OPM Web site, calls the insurance a gift to her family.

“I told my children that when

I signed up for the OPM-sponsored Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program, I was going to make the insurance certificate one of their presents because it benefits them as much as it benefits my husband and me,” she explained.

“Through this one act of personal responsibility, I am reducing a potential future burden on them and their families.”

Applications can be completed online at [www.ltcfed.com](http://www.ltcfed.com) or downloaded for mailing. The Web site also allows federal employees to calculate insurance premiums and to find answers to frequently asked questions.

To talk with a long-term care adviser, call 1-800-582-3337, 8 a.m. to midnight, Eastern time.

# Skinny Dragons help ‘Connie’ get underway

**Lt. j.g. Jason Gaudette**  
*Command Services Officer, VP-4*

**SAN DIEGO, Calif.** — The USS Constellation Battle Group, home ported in San Diego, Calif., is now underway and mission-ready, thanks in part to Patrol Squadron 4, based at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Members of VP-4 recently traveled to San Diego to participate in the Joint Fleet Exercise for the battle group, and the Composite Training Unit Exercise for the USS Vinson Battle Group.

The JTFEX was the last series of exercises for the CONNIE Battle Group before it departed San Diego for a six-month deployment to the Arabian Gulf. The COMPTUEX was held to prepare the Vinson for its upcoming JTFEX, to be held early next year.

A total of seven aircrews and 15 maintenance personnel participated in the 17-day detachment. Joining VP-4 were P-3 Orion crews from VP-40, stationed at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, and VP-65, a naval reserve squadron from Point Mugu, Calif.

Canadian Squadron 209 also participated in the exercise, flying the CP-140 Aurora, the Canadian version of the P-3.

The Joint Fleet Exercise and COMPTUEX are used to evaluate the overall effectiveness of each battle group in each of their primary mission areas.

During the exercise, the P-3 aircrews flew almost around-the-clock, participating with other ships and submarines in anti-submarine warfare and surface intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions.

The nature of the exercises allowed aircrews to hone their ASW skills and



Lt. j.g. Jason Gaudette

**Lieutenant j.g. Joey Hall of Combat Air Crew 1 establishes communications with the Constellation Battle Group during a Joint Fleet Exercise in San Diego, Calif., with the Vinson Battle Group.**

gain valuable real-world experience.

“The training was incredible,” said Navy Lt. Rick Pool, an upgrading tactical coordinator on Combat Air Crew Nine. “Both the battle group and the maritime patrol aircraft crews gained a better understanding of their respective roles within the tactical picture.”

Lieutenant Matt Belver, the mission commander for CAC-9, agreed.

“This was real-world training where VP-4 not only participated, but thrived,” said Belver. “The various scenarios pre-

sented by the battle group helped my crew come together and gain valuable experience as a member of the battle group.”

Patrol Squadron 4 flew 50 events for a total of more than 270 hours. The maintenance personnel assigned to the detachment worked around-the-clock to service the aircraft and keep them flying.

“The planes were great,” said Petty Officer 2nd Class Rob Liles, nonacoustic sensor operator for CAC-3. “Day after day, our planes took off early and ex-

tended on-station with very few problems.”

Through their hard work and dedication, the maintenance personnel kept the planes at a 99 percent mission capable rate.

In January, the Skinny Dragons of VP-4 will again travel to San Diego to support the Vinson battle group during its JTFEX. With this continued dedication and support, the Vinson will be ready to tackle any challenge it faces during its upcoming deployment.



# Do you know where your medical record is?

**Lt. j.g. Ann-Marie A. Noad**  
*Medical Service Corps,  
U.S. Navy Reserve*

The administration and management of your medical record is as important as the care you receive from your Primary Care Manager. Providing a chronological record of your medical treatment, the record has significant current and long-term medical and legal value to a patient.

Meticulously documented and maintained medical records serve to provide medical evaluations, treatments and vital information regarding changes in conditions, information all pertinent to a Primary Care Manager’s evaluation.

In an emergency situation, the medical record serves as a quick history of care.

There is the possibility that a patient could arrive at a clinic with limited communication abilities and the Healthcare Provider would have to rely solely on information found in the medical record. Don’t put yourself at risk, would you want to be the patient who just happened to have their

medical record at home?

At Naval Medical Clinic Pearl Harbor (NMCLPH) and Branch Medical Clinic, Kaneohe Bay, precautions are established to ensure the security and safekeeping of medical records and procedures are in place to avoid compromise of medical information.

“We define patient privacy and confidentiality. We treat every record as if it were our own. We create a daily culture that requires the utmost care for each and every record,” said Lt. Cmdr. Darin Rogers, Medical Service Corps, director for administration, NMCLPH.

Confidentiality is also not taken lightly. Information maintained in a medical record is treated as privileged information and is protected by the Privacy Act of 1974. Medical information may not be released to a third party without written prior consent of a patient.

For example, a patient cannot have a family member pick-up their medical record on their behalf for appointments held outside of the clinic without prior written consent. Though this seems like an inconvenience, patient privacy is

paramount.

Under the guidance of the Manual of the Medical Department, Chapter 16, a medical record is the property of the U.S. Government and must be maintained by the Military Treatment Facility that has primary cognizance over the care of the patient.

It is the responsibility of the MTF to maintain the record accurately and ensures its security and safekeeping. NMCLPH has procured state-of-the-art medical records filing storage system to better serve you. This new system has the ability to maintain 15,000 medical records and will compliment existing equipment located at Branch Medical Clinic Makalapa. Of the 38,000 patients who have chosen NMCLPH, 19,800 of them are seen at BMC Makalapa.

“Maintenance of a medical record is crucial to a members care, NMCLPH makes every effort to reevaluate processes and procedures to ensure the accuracy and completeness of record entries and the record filing system, this new equipment enhances our effort,” said Lt. Cmdr. Darin Rogers.



Courtesy of Pearl Harbor Naval Medical Center

**Finding medical records can be a grueling task if they are not maintained.**

**Sergeant Christopher R. Anson, parafoft NCO, 4th Force Reconnaissance Co., wraps up his chute after gliding through the Schofield Barracks skies.**



Photo by Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

## 4th RECON, From A-1

"This type of jump will possibly bring an aircraft below enemy radar; it keeps stick integrity, and provides a long-range, low-level insert capability without actually landing an aircraft on the ground," said Rohn, who also serves as a jumpmaster.

The second jump was the breathtaking freefall jump in which the Marines soared at an altitude of

10,000 ft. above ground level.

"The freefall will give you a long-range and high-altitude to insert recon teams above surface to air threat," said Rohn.

All in all, this parachuting operation will polish these Marines' already sharp inserting skills.

"We're always on a stepping stone building for any possible contingencies," explained Rohn. "We have to be ready at anytime, and this is another tool in our toolbox."